

Application No. 10/617,221
Amendment dated December 16, 2004
Reply to Office Action dated September 16, 2004

REMARKS

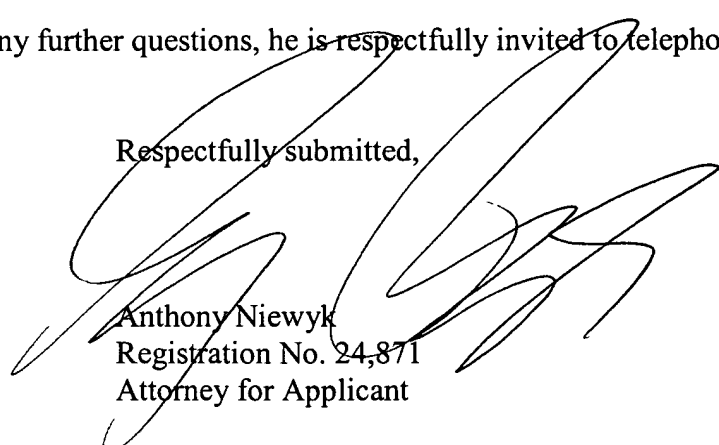
Claims 2-4, 6-8, 10, 11, 13-15, 17, 18, and 21-23 are at issue. Claims 1, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, and 20 have been canceled. Original claims 5-7, 12-14, and 19 were objected to as dependent upon a rejected base claim but were indicated allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant has rewritten claim 5 as claim 21, claim 12 as claim 22, and claim 19 as claim 23. Applicant therefore submits that, in view of the Examiner's indicated allowability of claims 5, 12, and 19, if rewritten in independent form, all claims at issue are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests allowance thereof.

In the event Applicant has overlooked the need for an extension of time, payment of fee, or additional payment of fee, Applicant hereby petitions therefore and authorizes that any charges be made to Deposit Account No. 02-0385, Baker & Daniels.

Should the Examiner have any further questions, he is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned at 260-460-1695.

Respectfully submitted,



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